
THE PRIVATEER CUBA.

The Steamer Libeled—A Refusal to Surrender to the Civil Power—An Officer of the Navy Receives Commodore Higgins' Sword—The Crew Turned Loose.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 19.—The *Cuba* was libeled to-day, and the United States Marshal boarded her and demanded the surrender of the ship into his hands. Commodore HIGGINS declined to surrender his ship except to an officer of the United States Navy, and under a direct order from President GRANT. After some delay Lieutenant-Commander PIERSON, of the United States gunboat *Frolic*, came on board the *Cuba* and demanded the surrender of the vessel, showing an order direct from the President for the *Cuba* to be turned over to him. Commodore HIGGINS then surrendered his sword and vessel to Lieutenant-Commander PIERSON, and himself as prisoner of war to the navy of the United States. The Cuban flag was then hauled down by the United States authorities, and the entire crew sent ashore. The affair, in some of its aspects is regarded here as an outrage, especially the turning loose in our city of over one hundred sailors and marines, entirely beyond restraint or control of officers. In anticipation of trouble a large special Police force has been put on duty to-night.
